

***Business Area #10:
West Cambridge/Alewife***

Boundaries: Mason Street, Ash Street, the Charles River, the Watertown line, the Belmont line, the Arlington line, Alewife Brook Parkway, the B&M Railroad right of way, Sherman Street, Garden Street.

Major areas of Business/Retail/Industrial concentration include: businesses and offices on Mt. Auburn Street between 180 and 700 including the Star Market, the Fresh Pond Mall, industrial and research complexes on Smith, Fawcett, Mooney and Cambridge Park Drive, the Huron Village area, shops and restaurants on Concord and Garden Street.



Huron Avenue/West Cambridge

The two **commercial robberies** recorded in the Alewife business district in 2002 occurred a week apart in March. A Concord Ave gas station was robbed by a suspect brandishing a handgun on March 21st. The Brookline Police subsequently arrested the suspect after being involved in another robbery on the same night. A suspect who handed the teller a note claiming that he had a gun held up a bank on the Alewife Brook Parkway. • The majority of the **shoplifting** arrests in this business district are of Boston residents at TJ Maxx, the Star Market and Bread and Circus. Shoplifters in this area tend to be older and more professional than arrestees in other business districts. • The increase in **commercial burglary** from one incident during the first six months of last year to ten reported crimes over the first two quarters of 2002 can be attributed to a series of breaks into offices along Concord Ave on weekends with laptop computers as the target. No force was used to gain entry in any of these incidents. Investigators believe cleaning crews or ex-employees with keys are the possible suspects. • **Larceny from the person** rose from 12 incidents last year to 24 for the same time period in 2002. Pickpockets are targeting elderly patrons and distracted customers at various super markets. The thieves are rifling through unattended purses in shopping carts. • Thefts from work stations, patient's rooms and supply cabinets at area hospitals dominate the numbers for **larceny from building** (+1%) in the Alewife business district.

CRIME	2 nd Quarter 2001	2 nd Quarter 2002	%CHANGE
Larceny from Building	29	30	+1%
Larceny from Person	12	24	+100%
Commercial Burglary	1	10	+900%
Commercial Robbery	1	2	+100%
Shoplifting	31	31	N.C.
Fraud/Flim Flam/Counterfeiting	14	13	-7%